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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION BY
EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS.

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SUMMARY: FRG FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN
WELL, SPEAKING FOR EC-9, BRIEFED AMBASSADOR TODAY
REGARDING DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CSCE DECLARATION ON
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THE MEDITERRANEAN BY EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS WHO MET

YESTERDAY AND TODAY IN BONN. VAN WELL STATED
POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD CONSIDERED MAKING REFERENCE TO
MEDITERRANEAN ISSUE IN VARIOUS DOCUMENTS, BUT HAD
CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS PREFERABLE TO FORMULATE SINGLE
DECLARATION. VAN WELL EMPHASIZED THAT CONTENT OF
DECLARATION IS STILL SUBJECT TO FURTHER CONSULTATIONS
AMONG NATIONS INVOLVED, AND THAT CURRENT DECISION IS ONE
APPROVING IDEA OF DECLARATION IN PRINCIPLE
RATHER THAN ONE OF SUBSTANCE. VAN WELL SAID THAT THIS
CONSENSUS OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD BE REPORTED IN
NAC ON APRIL 22, BUT THAT THE NINE WOULD NOT
TAKE INITIATIVE TO BRING ABOUT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION.
END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE EC-9 POLITICAL
DIRECTORS' MEETING IN BONN ON APRIL 18-19, VAN WELL
CALLED AMBASSADOR TO FOREIGN OFFICE FOR BRIEFING ON
ITEMS DISCUSSED. OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE EC-9
WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. SPEAKING AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE
EC-9 PRESIDENCY, VAN WELL STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF
A MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION HAD BEEN CAREFULLY
CONSIDERED. THOUGHT WAS GIVEN TO MAKING REFERENCE TO
THE MEDITERRANEAN IN VARIOUS CONTEXTS, BUT THE
NINE DIRECTORS FINALLY CONCLUDED THAT A SEPARATE DECLARA-
TION WAS PREFERABLE.

2. VAN WELL WAS ASKED TO CONVEY TO THE U.S. ON BEHALF
OF THE NINE THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH LED TO THIS
DECISION. VAN WELL SAID THE EC-9 ARE STILL TRYING TO
ASSEMBLE ARGUMENTS PRO AND CON FOR SUCH A SINGLE
DECLARATION. THE REACTION OF THE NATIONS CONCERNED TO
A DECLARATION WILL BE SOUGHT AND TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.
VAN WELL EMPHASIZED THAT THE CURRENT DECISION TO PRO-
CEED WITH A SINGLE DECLARATION WAS NOT A FINAL ONE. HE
NOTED THAT THE ITALIANS HAD NOT SOUNDED OUT THE ISRAELIS,
BUT THAT THE UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS WOULD INCLUDE THEM
AS WELL. VAN WELL BELIEVED CONSULTATIONS COULD BEST BE
HANDLED IN GENEVA.

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3. THE PRINCIPAL RATIONALE FOR PROCEEDING WITH THE SEPARATE DECLARATION IS TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE, VAN WEL EMPHASIZED. THE NINE WOULD BE AT A DISADVANTAGE WERE OTHERS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE, AS THEY ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD, AND IT WAS IMPORTANT TO AVOID BEING PUT ON THE DEFENSIVE. MOREOVER, THE EC-9 WANTS THE RECORD TO DOCUMENT THAT THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN CONSIDERED.

4. VAN WELL SAID THE EC-9 PLANNED TO REPORT THE
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CONSENSUS REACHED BY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN NAC,
BUT WOULD NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO STIMULATE A

SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION IN THAT FORUM ON THE 22ND. IF OTHERS WISHED SUCH A DISCUSSION, THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER MATTER.

5. VAN WELL SAID THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD ALSO CONSIDERED OTHER OPEN CSCE QUESTIONS SUCH AS THE STRUCTURE OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT, INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS, CBM'S, AND FOLLOW UP TO THE CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR BRUNNER WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE NINE IN NAC ON APRIL 22 ON THESE QUESTIONS.

6. IN RESPONDING TO VAN WELL'S PRESENTATION, THE AMBASSADOR RECALLED THE USG OPPOSITION TO A SEPARATE CSCE DECLARATION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN SUMMARIZING THE ARGUMENTS IN REFTEL. HE POINTED OUT THAT NO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAD OCCURRED INVALIDATING THOSE ARGUMENTS, AND INDICATED THAT VAN WELL'S INFORMATION WOULD BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY SO THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN BRUSSELS COULD BE APPROPRIATELY INSTRUCTED.
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